Dual citizenship to NRIs/PIOs

940. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of requests Government has received from PIOs/ NRIs for dual citizenship;

(b) whether the request have been processed and action taken; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As on 24.02.2006, the Government has received 9,156 applications for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

(b) and (c) As on 24.02.2006, 6,408 applicants have been granted OCI registrations.

Illegal immigrants

941. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiative have been taken by Government to flush out the illegal immigrants in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Detection and deportation of illegal immigrants from the country is a continuous process. Powers to detect and deport illegal immigrants under Section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been delegated to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(b) Based on the information furnished by States/UTs number of